# Terra Academy Governing Board

# **Minutes**

# **Board Meeting**

#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday August 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

The Terra Academy, 267 Aggie Blvd. Vernal, UT

Terra Academy Board members adhere to the following:

- 1. Know the charter and act to strategically uphold the vision and mission in our work.
- 2. Be informed, prepared and proactive through due diligence.
- 3. Represent the Terra Academy as a unified board.

Mission: Terra Academy focuses on each student as a "unique" whole person in a global society by providing individualized instruction in a community learning model through educational experiences including a broad range of curricular options and project-based learning opportunities that nourish individual talents, skills, and desires.

Vision: The vision of Terra Academy is to help students become lifelong independent learners, productive members of society possessing respect for other people and cultures, who are stewards of our environment.

School Rules: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Kind Motto: Learn, Grow, Be

**Accessibility** Any person requiring an accommodation should provide advance notice by contacting Cassie Hays, 267 S Aggie Blvd., Vernal, UT 84078 by phone at 844-322-6562, or by email at info@theterraacademy.org prior to this meeting.

#### **Board Members Present**

Fayme Pettit, Jared McKeachnie, Lianna Etchberger, Pam Rosal

# **Board Members Absent**

Melissa Huber

# **Non Voting Members Present**

Liz Howcroft

# I. Opening Items

# **A.Record Attendance and Guests**

# **B.Call the Meeting to Order**

Lianna Etchberger called a meeting of the board of trustees of Terra Academy Governing Board to order on Wednesday Aug 3, 2016 @ 6:17 PM at The Terra Academy, 267 Aggie Blvd. Vernal, UT.

# **C.Approve Minutes**

Meeting minute approval for July 7 2016 work session will be postponed until next meeting.

# II. Consent Agenda

# A.Feasibility Study

P. Rosal made a motion to Approve the Eide Bailey feasibility study. MOU with Uintah Recreation District, and Terra Facilities Fee Schedule were removed from the consent agenda.

Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Melissa Huber Absent Lianna Etchberger Aye Fayme Pettit Aye Jared McKeachnie Aye

# **B.Memorandum of Understanding with Uintah Recreation District**

P. Rosal made a motion to Approve the MOU with some minor format changes and changing "Terra Academy" to "Terra Academy Inc." in the document. Fayme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Pam Rosal Aye Melissa Huber No Lianna Etchberger Aye Jared McKeachnie Aye Fayme Pettit Aye

Item was removed from the consent agenda in order to discuss details. Fee schedule for Terra facilities use will be put onto the agenda for the next meeting so it can be discussed and voted on separately.

# III. Finance

#### **A.Finance Report**

An Ad Hoc committee was formed to research the Business Manager's salary. Fayme Pettit and Jared McKeachnie will present findings at the next meeting. Fayme Pettit made a motion to approve the Charter Solutions contract. Jared McKeachnie seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **B.Cash Contribution for USDA Loan**

F. Pettit made a motion to move forward with the USDA loan as discussed up to \$200,000.

Pam Rosal seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

#### **Roll Call**

Melissa Huber Absent Pam Rosal Aye Jared McKeachnie Aye Lianna Etchberger Aye Fayme Pettit Aye

# **C.Benefit Policy**

This item was mis-identified as an item that needed a vote. It was discussed but does not require a vote.

#### **IV.** Governance

# A.Governing board/ committee member recruiting materials

Concerns were raised about the idea of the director getting a veto. Charter Solutions and other resources will be consulted by the Governance Committee. A goal was set to begin calling potential candidates.

# **B.Compliance Check**

Conflict of interest: All board members are current

GBOT training: website is not functioning no board members are current

Background checks: All board members are current

Land Trust Video and Training: All board members are current

#### V. Facilities

# **A.Facilities Expansion Project**

Cassie is looking into alternatives. Jared McKeachnie has volunteered to gather information about options for outbuildings. Jared will reach out to Cassie to ensure we have new information by the next meeting.

# VI. Closing Items

#### **A.Adjourn Meeting**

P. Rosal made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Favme Pettit seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

# **Roll Call**

Lianna Etchberger Aye
Fayme Pettit Aye
Melissa Huber Absent
Jared McKeachnie Aye
Pam Rosal Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Rosal